

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
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VACANT POSTS OF PROSECUTORS IN CBI
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of posts of prosecutors in Central Bureau of Investigation are lying vacant;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith reasons therefor; and
- (c) the action being taken by the Government to fill up these vacancies without any further delay?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTRY OF PLA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c) As on 1.4.2003, out of a sanctioned strength of 230 posts, 75 posts are lying vacant. Of these, 1 vacancy is of Additional Legal Adviser, 6 of Deputy Legal Adviser, 14 of Senior Public Prosecutor, 34 of Public Prosecutor and 20 of Assistant Public Prosecutor. The vacancies exist due to inadequate response from eligible candidates and the need for annual clearance of direct recruitment plans.

The recruitment is an ongoing process, through an intensive recruitment drive held in 2002, 46 posts of Legal Officers (3 Additional Legal Advisers, 10 Deputy Legal Advisers, 21 Senior Public Prosecutors & 12 Public Prosecutors) were filled. Further, in 2003 orders have been issued so far for promotion of 5 Deputy Legal Advisers, appointment of 4 Public Prosecutors by direct recruitment, and 2 Public Prosecutors on deputation. A meeting of the Screening Committee has also been held on 26.3.2003 in connection with the Annual Recruitment Plan which includes 51 Director Recruitment posts of Legal Officers. To ensure that conduct of prosecution does not suffer, more than 280 Special Counsels have been appointed.